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St James's 20<sup>th</sup> April 1780

Sir

We have at last received Account,  
from Sir Henry Clinton, -----  
They arrived on Wednesday Night from  
New York, the Substance of which is as  
follows.

After a long and stormy Passage, in  
which four Transports were lost, but all  
the Men on board saved, Sir Henry  
Clinton arrived with his Army at the  
Island of Tybee the beginning of February.  
After various Manœuvres, which would  
require a long and unnecessary Detail, He  
was preparing to pass Ashley River at a  
Ferry Ten Miles above the Town which  
he was Master of, in order to take Possession  
of the Peninsula on which Charles Town  
stands. — General Robertson who went

Sir William Hamilton R. B.

from



from England to Georgia in his way to New York where he is appointed Governor, left Sir Henry Clinton in that position on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March with his Army in high spirits and confident of Success: Six four Men of War having taken out their Guns it was hoped they would get over the Bar on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It is not however to be expected that the Town will surrender immediately, the great Delays Gen<sup>l</sup>. Clinton had met with having given the Rebels an opportunity of strengthening their Works and reinforcing the Garrison.

The Defiance a 64 Gun Ship was unfortunately lost by mistaking the Bar of Savannah, but the crew were saved.

Three french Frigates that were left by Mr D'Estaing for the Defence of the Harbour being informed of the Approach of the English Fleet had sailed for Europe.

The Americans are said to be much incensed at this Desertion

I am with great Truth & Regard

Sir

your most obedient  
humble Servant.

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